

The Federal Communications Commission

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

I do not want to pay more for my telephone service! I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am concerned that this proposal could make my current service unaffordable.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers. This is unfair!

I use my wireless phone for safety, security and convenience. I don't want to lose these benefits so that big businesses can pay less than their fair share. I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee.

Big corporations cost me my small business several years ago by undercutting my charges AND, more importantly, by my having to pay a huge workman's comp insurance bill when I didn't have the bills to use it for. I had one small claim in 9 years but had to pay through the roof due to the larger companies with all of their claims in my same business category.

I recently purchased a wireless plan to save money on the phone bills for my 2 sons away at college. With the high costs of tuition and all, we have to try to save someplace and the wireless phone service was one way to help cut some of the costs. Increases to the rate will definitely cost me way too much. The new phones were a way that we could keep in touch with them more often and more conveniently. It is also to have an emergency phone handy for if it is ever needed. We use the phone minimally and don't come anywhere near the monthly or bi-monthly allowances. We are not like some people who have to keep the phone glued to their ear at almost all times.

Keep the USF Fair!

Sincerely,

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